

RE: RCMP Assistance

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Steve

- RCMP have reached out to CAF (Ottawa) for the assistance with the removal of trucks blocking the Coutts crossing (Ottawa is reluctant);
- PSC called the POC advising that the RCMP have reached out to them looking for assistance for the removal of trucks blocking the Coutts crossing (PSC is reluctant);
- RCMP called the POC looking for assistance in securing equipment necessary for the removal of trucks blocking the Coutts crossing;
- Bre and I have a call with Logistics Amanda and Eric at 1400 hours;
- Erica has provided the following assessment of the Blockade Response Plan.

Hey Rein,

My assessment:

- In this instance, the Blockade Plan would not be applicable given its specific use for blockades on designated public lands.
- I would recommend for this context that the *Critical Infrastructure Defence Act* and any subsequent regs and plans under this Act would be applicable here. JSG is the lead on this legislation.

I've checked this thinking with my counterpart at Environment and Parks who agrees with this assessment. I'm available to provide any additional analysis that might be required to support,

Thanks

-Erica, 780-218-7055

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Hi Bre, please ask the team to dust off the blockade plan and review what it says. Does any of it apply to what we are considering?

That said, while the RCMP is our contracted provincial police force, I would argue that issues at an international border crossing are a federal matter. As such, this request would need Public Safety's approval as the responsible ministry for both CBSA and the RCMP.

Am I missing something?

Steve

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Hi Steve,

The RCMP have been in contact with the POC to request assistance in identifying some possible solutions to removing the vehicles blocking the Coutts border crossing. The RCMP advised Rein that they have already been in contact with PSC to request CAF assistance on this but (as I imagine you have already guessed) the CAF has declined to become involved at this time. Rein is going to reach out to Amanda/Erica as Logistics support to assist on this as it sounds as though they need to source equipment etc. to facilitate the removal of vehicles.

We will continue to update you as this progresses, in the meantime let me know if you need anything further on this or would like to discuss at all

Thanks!

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